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Religious conservatives marshal forces to overthrow Democrats

□ The resurgence of family values and the separation of church and state mobilize conservatives into regaining control of Congress.

by OMAR DAJANI
Staff writer

It was described as an earthquake that registered an eight on the political Richter scale.

Unlike most elections, Nov. 8 unseated the most entrenched incumbents who, in some cases, were replaced by political unknowns. The Republicans found themselves in control of the House and Senate for the first time in 42 years.

But unique this election year was the influence and power of the so-called religious right, best described as practicing Christians who are pro-life, pro-traditional family and very conservative.

There is much disagreement over what or who comprises the religious right, or religious conser-

vatives, as they like to be called. Left-leaning groups see any organization that is staunchly conservative or pro-life as belonging to the religious right. Religious conservatives, however, see themselves as part of a movement attempting to rescue America from its moral decline and the continuing break-up of the traditional family.

One of the most prominent conservative religious groups is the Christian Coalition. Founded by televangelist and former Republican presidential candidate Pat Robertson, the group has grown into a major grassroots machine, with chapters in almost every major city in America.

Although officially non-partisan, the Christian Coalition's power base is in the Republican party. GOP candidates have actively courted the movement, appearing at their rallies and on Robertson's television program, *The 700 Club*.

Many groups are concerned about the growth and expansion of the Religious Conservative movement, among them the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

The ADL published a report

earlier this year criticizing certain segments of the movement. The report claimed that through the use of "stealth candidates"—people running for office who conceal their ideologies—the political process is being undermined. Additionally, the ADL is troubled by some religious conservatives who have suggested that America is a Christian nation.

"We remain concerned about the agenda and tactics of certain components of the religious right, particularly their efforts to breach the wall of church/state separation," said Arthur Teitelbaum, the ADL's southern area director. Teitelbaum fears that if religious conservatives are able to get their candidates elected into office, they might "use state power to express their particular religious viewpoint." But he also added that "we do agree with some issues espoused by the religious right, including family values and responsible sexual behavior."

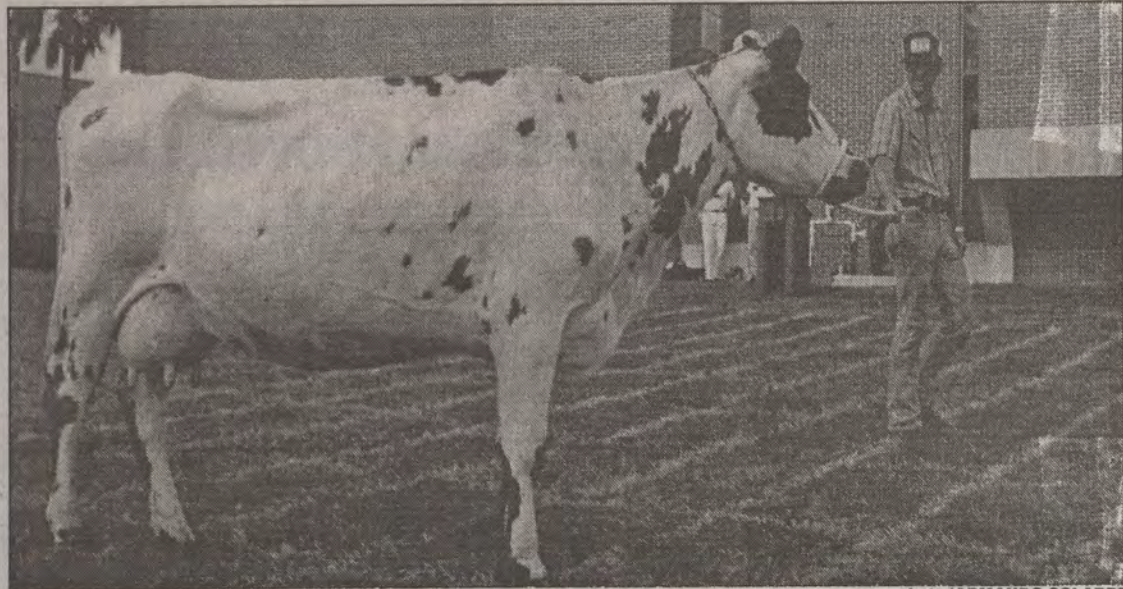
Carmin Vaccaro, 22, a political science major and a member of UCF's College Republicans, doesn't see a strong presence of religious

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The UCF cheerleaders will be standing tall and cheering for the Golden Knights as they face the Buffalo Bulls this Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Citrus Bowl. It is the last scheduled game this season.



photo/ARMANDO SOLARES

David Wood leads Heather around the MooPoo Bingo grid on the Green last Wednesday.

Fraternity turns cow poo into cash

by KATIE JONES
Managing editor

David Wood lead Heather, who is about 7 years old, around the grass near the Chemistry Building and hoped she would hurry up and drop a huge pile of steaming feces on the ground.

Wood wasn't the only one waiting for Heather to relieve herself. A crowd of students had also gathered in the hopes of watching her "go."

They waited and waited.

There was a glimmer of false hope when Heather stopped four times to leave large puddles of urine on the grass, but the cheers didn't come until Heather stood at attention, raised her tail and plopped a hot glob of cow "poo" on the grass.

Heather, who is a brown and white 4-H Club cow belonging to Wood's niece, was the star in Alpha Kappa Psi's MooPoo Bingo fund-raising event, Wednesday, Nov. 9.

The event was geared to raise money for members of Al-

pha Kappa Psi's upcoming national and regional competitions.

Members of the Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity marked off a 2,000-square-foot area on the grass like a huge checkerboard. They sold each of the numbered squares, which were 2 feet by 2 feet, for \$2 a square. The proud owner of the square that Heather decided to fertilize was awarded \$50.

This time, Heather got her

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Atlantis' sonic booms rumble at Edwards AFB

□ Tropical Storm Gordon's winds and rain force shuttle landing away from Kennedy Space Center.

by IRENE BROWN
United Press International

CAPE CANAVERAL — Strong winds in Florida prompted NASA managers Monday to divert the shuttle Atlantis to its backup landing site in California.

Touchdown was set for 10:34 a.m. EST/15:34 GMT at Edwards Air Force Base. Flight directors considered keeping the shuttle in space for an additional orbit, hoping cross winds would develop in California later in the day to support a shuttle performance test. But when meteorologists predicted that would not be the case, mission managers directed Atlantis commander Donald McMonagle to aim for the

California landing attempt. Throughout the night, flight directors watched as 20- to 30-mph winds and rain showers pounded the Kennedy Space Center area.

"It was an easy call to make today," astronaut Kevin Chilton told the crew from Mission Control in Houston.

NASA prefers to land the shuttles in Florida to save about \$1 million and a time-consuming cross-country ferry flight for the spaceship aboard a modified 747 jet carrier.

Atlantis has been in orbit for 11 days, serving as a platform for a \$31 million collection of instruments to probe the atmosphere. In addition to overseeing the Atmospheric Laboratory for Applications and Science, the six-member crew deployed and retrieved a German science satellite for an eight-day independent study of the atmosphere.

Atlantis' mission is the seventh and final flight of the year and the 66th in shuttle program history.

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Yeltsin hopes U.S.-Russian ties remain strong under new Republican Congress

by STEVEN GUTTERMAN
United Press International

MOSCOW — Russian President Boris Yeltsin said Monday he expects a "toughening" of Washington's stance toward Moscow with the advent of a Republican majority in the U.S. Congress.

Yeltsin called on his government to forge ties with U.S. Republicans and work with them to "smooth out" relations between the two nations, which have been rocky in recent months despite Democratic leadership in the White House and on Capitol Hill.

In a speech to his military leaders, the Russian president and commander in chief said he foresaw a "toughening by the U.S. side toward Russia on foreign policy and military questions."

When the Republicans take their seats in Congress in January, ultraconservative Rep. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), who in the past has been wary of Moscow's intentions and has opposed financial aid to Russia, will take the helm of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Helms' scorn of the United Nations could disturb Russia, which has stressed that NATO forces in the former Yugoslavia must remain under U.N. control.

Republicans also favor early NATO membership for many East European nations and want Russia's Baltic neighbors to join the alliance, while Russia views NATO expansion to its borders as a security threat.

Yeltsin's mild reaction to the U.S. power see-saw is sure to disappoint legislators in Russia's parliament, which issued an official statement Friday remonstrating against Washington's dropping enforcement of the arms embargo on the Muslim-led Bosnian government.

The State Duma, or lower house of parliament, said the "destructive" U.S. decision would worsen relations between Washington and Moscow, and urged Yeltsin and his government to take action to counteract the move.

Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev and his staff were strangely silent about the unilateral move, the latest in a series of U.S. foreign policy approaches in the former Yugoslavia and the Persian Gulf that have angered the Kremlin.

When the Foreign Ministry finally spoke Monday, it was in the whispered tones of an unnamed diplomat telling the Interfax news agency that the U.S. move was little more than a decision to "remove two ships from the Adriatic."

"It appears that we are not

talking about the exit of the Americans from the embargo regime," the diplomat told the news agency.

But Interfax also reported that Alexander Zotov, who recently replaced Vitaly Churkin as Moscow's special representative in the former Yugoslavia, left the Russian capital for Belgrade, where he will discuss the meaning of the U.S. move with Serbian leaders.

Both parliament and some observers expected a stronger reaction from the Russian leadership. In a comment last Thursday on the U.S. elections, the Moscow daily Nezavisimaya Gazeta predicted Clinton would drop the embargo.

The paper said Russia might react by removing its peacekeepers from the former Yugoslavia and declining to enforce the arms embargo on the Bosnian Serbs.

It said the shift of power in the United States would be more detrimental to the increasingly tense relationship between the former rivals than Yeltsin indicated.

"The Yeltsin-Clinton tandem may weaken radically, because both presidents will come under pressure from their parliaments," it said. "Although foreign policy is a prerogative of presidents, policies will be conducted with due regard to the stance of the legislatures."

Bosnian Serbs retake land at Bihac

by CHRIS SIMON
United Press International

SARAJEVO — U.N. officials in Sarajevo said Monday the Bosnian Serb forces have retaken most of the 100 square mile (250 sq km) territory captured by the Muslim-led Bosnian government army two weeks ago around the northwestern Muslim enclave of Bihac.

"Reports as of this morning are that the BSA (Bosnian Serb Army), are in the possession of most the area south, southeast of Bihac which was taken from them two weeks ago. They are almost up to the old confrontation line," said the U.N. chief military spokesman Lt. Col. Timothy Spicer.

Contrary to reports on Bosnian government-controlled Sarajevo radio, indicating a ground-launched mortar attack on Bihac town by rebel Serbs in occupied Croatia, Spicer said the United Nations has no proof that such an attack is taking place.

"There are no indications as of yet of any RSK (Republic Srpska Krajina) ground involvement other than indirect fire from the northern Croatian border," said Spicer.

"The fighting escalated yesterday afternoon with heavy shelling on the plateau east of Bihac town, it was in support of a BSA attack. Military observers reported that some mortars fell into the outskirts of Bihac," he said.

Meanwhile, the International

Committee for the Red Cross has issued a strong protest against the recruiting of young men in two refugee camps northwest of Velika Kladusa, for service in both rebel Muslim and Krajina Serb armies.

"Several thousand men from the camps of Batnoga and Turanj have been mobilized for military service in direct violation of international law which forbids refugees from engaging in hostile acts against their country of origin, or countries from where they have found refuge," said ICRC spokeswoman Lisa Jones.

U.N. officials last week confirmed reports that rebel Muslim leFikret Abdic, who fled Bosnia as his forces were defeated by a government blitz of the Bihac pocket in late August, was recruiting the men to fight alongside the breakaway Krajina Serbs in an assault on government positions in Bosnia from Serb-occupied Croatia.

"The ICRC has contacted the relevant authorities in the area to demand that the recruitment of these refugees stop and that those already mobilized be returned to refugee status," said Jones.

While the Bosnian Serbs appear to have beaten back the Muslim advance in the northwest around Bihac, the Muslim-led Bosnian government army is having more success southwest of Sarajevo near Mostar.

"The most significant activity took place directly northeast and

southeast of Mostar where a BiH (Bosnian government army) ground attack on BSA positions took place supported by mortar and artillery fire. Reports indicated that the BiH has made limited gains in the area of Mlinista to the north and south to Rabina, a distance of about 10 miles (16 km) from Mostar in either direction," said Spicer.

In Sarajevo Sunday, the U.N. fire brigade was sent to the Holiday Inn in the late afternoon to put out fires started after the hotel, which serves as a home to the international news media, came under a rocket attack from Bosnian Serb positions in the suburb of Grbavica.

"Two rocket-propelled grenades impacted into the Holiday Inn, one RPG landed in front of the building and one impacted across the street near the museum. The rockets were assessed to come from BSA positions in a building south of the Miljacka River," said Spicer.

"As a result of the initial attack a small fire started in the hotel. Small arms fire was directed at French U.N. troops protecting the firemen, and one fireman was wounded. The gun-fire was returned by the anti-sniping team," he said.

"Just 40 minutes later another RPG was fired at the hotel, together with a burst of machine-gun fire. There was also a burst of machine-gun fire directed toward a Ukrainian armored personnel carrier, but no further casualties were reported," said Spicer.

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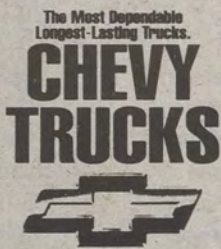
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Conservatives show strength at '94 polls

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conservatives in the meetings and gatherings he attends. Vaccaro also believes religious conservatives have the right to express their views and influence the political process because "it's the American way."

A report published by the Christian Coalition stated that religious conservatives accounted for a full 33 percent of the national vote on election day—an all-time record level. Furthermore, a majority of Republican gains in the House of Representatives were pro-life and "pro-family" candidates.

John Dowless, state field director for the Christian Coalition, strongly criticized Florida Democratic party leaders for "smear tactics and Christian-bashing aimed at many religious conservative Republicans." He was referring to flyers distributed by some Democratic candidates accusing some Republican candidates as "radical right extremists." But Dowless was very encouraged by the election results,

giving credit to "the major impact Christian Coalition volunteers and activists had on this election."

It might be premature to conclude that religious conservatives strongly influenced the outcome of the elections, as some have suggested.

"The effect of the religious right on this year's election has been greatly exaggerated," said Dr. Philip Pollock, associate professor of political science at UCF. "The heavy anti-Democratic vote is indicative of the voters' frustration with Clinton."

Pollock went on to say that the '94 Democratic defeat was an historic one, beyond what any election model would have predicted. Pollock said that this is further evidence that the results were more of an anti-Clinton sentiment rather than a pro-Republican or pro-conservative orientation.

A recent CNN/Time Magazine poll showed that 50 percent of the electorate "voted against Clinton," and 78 percent felt that the new Republican-led Congress should "work against Clinton."

Cow receives police escort to bingo benefit on the Green

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kicks on square 66.

The trouble came when Heather's manure didn't land exactly in one square. Instead she "pooed" in a continuous string, which covered several squares.

Holly Egerter of Alpha Kappa Psi said, "We knew the probability of her going in one square was kind of slim."

Egerter said that fraternity members decided that the winning square would be the one that Heather's dung hit first.

Maria Bentacourt, who was not present at the time of the "pooing" was the proud owner of newly-fertilized square 66 and the recipient of \$50.

Egerter said that fraternity members had considered using a horse for the event, but after careful consideration, they decided to use a cow.

"Horses take longer and they are not as docile as cows are," she said.

Heather, who had a full stomach and a large four-teated pink udder, was transported to UCF in a metal cow trailer, which received a police escort through campus.

Fraternity members were worried when the cow trailer pulled up and Heather had already relieved herself sometime during the trip.

Wood, who is from Christmas, wasn't worried that Heather would disappoint the crowd with a sudden bout of cow constipation. He said that cows take any-

where from five minutes to two hours to "go," but he stressed that usually "they go about every two hours all day long."

Heather decided to grace the Green with her dung after an hour-and-a-half of urinating and wandering around the squares

Scott Radesi, vice president of membership for the fraternity, awarded several door prizes to lucky square-owners and told the crowd how to recognize when Heather was going to bless the ground with the results of her "extra good feeding" that morning.

"You know she's going to go when her tail starts to raise," he said.

Egerter said that although some people may worry that the cow was being exploited, Heather was treated well, although Egerter said that if cows do have feelings, she may have been a little embarrassed. "We weren't doing anything to her that was unnatural," she explained

Egerter said that the fraternity managed to make money from their first MooPoo, even though they only sold three quarters of the squares.

She added that next time they hold a MooPoo, they will know more about the expenses involved and will probably have a more financially successful event.

Although Heather's day in the spotlight is over, she went back to Christmas a few pounds lighter and is remembered by Alpha Kappa Psi members for the lasting impression she left on the Chemistry Green.

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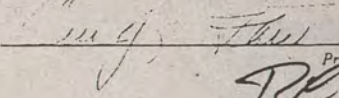
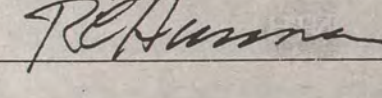
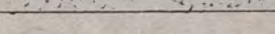
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Police Beat

500-pound statue of lion stolen

• Keith C. Moore, 19, reported that someone stole a 500-pound statue of a lion from in front of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon House between 3:15 and 3:30 a.m. Oct. 24. The statue was valued at \$2,000.

• Benjamin J. Fox, 18, was arrested and charged with possession of an alcoholic beverage by a person under 21, between 2:56 and 3:03 a.m. Oct. 22.

• James Swaim, 55, reported that someone stole a golf cart from a lot near the Administration Building, between 12:15 and 12:50 p.m. Oct. 25. The item was valued at \$1,749.

• Philip M. Toppino, 19, reported that someone stole a cover, valued at \$320, off his car parked in a lot near Lake Claire Apartments, between 12:01 and 9 a.m. Nov. 2.

• Dorothy W. Lallement reported that someone stole a refrigerator valued at \$200 out of the Visual Arts Building, between 8 p.m. Oct. 21 and 5:05 a.m. Oct. 24.

• An 18-year-old student reported that a woman entered her residence hall room between 11 and 11:15 p.m. Oct. 31, tore posters off a wall and threatened her and another female.

• Mary Beth Jackson, 20, reported that someone entered her car parked in a lot near Lake Claire Apartments between 12:45 and 2:30 a.m. Oct. 29 and stole a camera and

two purses. The items were valued at \$240.

• Diane E. Clark reported that someone wrote graffiti on the walls of Room 506 and a bathroom in the Library between 3 p.m. and midnight Oct. 27. Estimated damage was \$100.

• William J. Bowen, 39, reported that someone wrote graffiti on a chalkboard in the Visual Arts building, between 5:30 and 8 a.m. Oct. 28.

• Several students reported that someone used blue spray paint to vandalize their cars between 1 and 2:12 p.m. Oct. 29 in a lot near the softball fields.

• Dorothy Lallement reported that someone wrote the word "Zoot" several times with a marker in a bathroom of the Visual Arts building between 11:40 a.m. and 1 p.m. Oct. 31.

• David J. Roberts, 25, reported that someone entered his truck by smashing in a driver's side window, between 3:30 p.m. Nov. 3 and 8:20 p.m. Nov. 6.

• Scott A. Kunezli, 19, reported that someone stole \$20 in cash and a watch from a basketball court at Recreational Services between 3 and 4:30 p.m. Nov. 3.

• Thelma G. Bowen, 44, reported that someone smashed in a passenger side window of her ve-

hicle parked in a lot near the Engineering building between 1:55 and 3:49 a.m. Nov. 6.

• Adrian M. Wadey, 22, reported that someone entered his vehicle by smashing in a window and stole \$40 in cash, a vehicle registration and several books, between 1 p.m. Nov. 3 and 10 p.m. Nov. 6 in a dirt parking lot.

• Jennifer Rowan, 18, reported that someone entered her vehicle by cutting a hole in the convertible top and stole part of a cassette player, a portable compact disc player and several other items. The items were valued at \$300.

• Sinem Vzonoglu, 22, reported that someone stole her wallet, valued at \$20, from a bench near the Library between 4 and 4:30 p.m. Nov. 2.

• Stephen D. Muller, 22, reported that someone entered his locked truck and stole a wallet valued at \$45, between 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Nov. 3 in a lot near the education building.

• Sangyoun Gee, 28, reported that someone stole his bike that was locked to a rack near the Health and Physics building, between 4 p.m. Nov. 1 and 5:30 p.m. Nov. 2. The items were valued at \$100.

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Mandatory finals are an exercise in futility

Now that November slowly draws to a close, all over campus students are counting down the days until Christmas vacation and the end of another semester of blood, sweat and tears here at "U Can't Finish."

For some, the closing of the semester offers little in the way of ominous cumulative finals and laborious two- to three-hour essay questions. Some of the students, though, are not so lucky.

For those in the College of Engineering, finals week is just another word for hell. Trying to literally cram 10 weeks worth of classes into two or three hours of intense regurgitation is a hefty feat, and most fall short of their goals. For these poor souls, you see, have no choice in the matter. Finals are mandatory for them. So, in every class (most likely four or five,) they have to attend a two- to three-hour final during finals week and show off how well they can retain the information they have been fed for so long.

The idea behind finals, I'm sure, is a good one, and I'm sure it was designed by some high-brow professor who hasn't taken a test in the past 400 years.

It's been proven time and time again that the American method of classes/mid term/more classes/final falls far short of actually imprinting the information into students' long term memory. They become more adept at memorizing rote information over a short period of time rather than actually using that knowledge in any specific field.

Take, for example, the average student, who attends classes semi-regularly, mostly because the teacher doesn't take attendance and only has two grades for the entire semester: the mid-term and the mandatory final. All the information is given straight out of the book, and the syllabus covers the information the professor covers day by day, minute by minute. Is there any real question as to why the student fails to show up everyday for class? Is it any wonder professors have tried to fight this by making attendance mandatory in some classes?

Of course, there's always the other end of the spectrum, where the entire grade is based on classroom participation, and students never have an idea what their grade will be until they get their report card in the mail the day before Christmas.

The university system has tried to put a temporary band-aid on the severed limb of college teaching. Students require more nowadays to keep their attention and interest in learning. It's pretty much a given that most students will do the least amount of work necessary to get the job accomplished, so it's no huge leap of faith to figure out why both attendance and finals are now mandatory.

Until the teaching methods of the professors step up to the modern age, though, the grades given will be a poor reflection on the true aptitude of the students as they head out into their field of expertise with their bachelor's degrees.

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Dude, read all about it! Dave appeals to Gen X

Here in the newspaper industry (official motto: "For Official Motto, Please Turn To Section F, Page 37") we are seriously worried. Newspaper readership is declining like crazy. In fact, there's a good chance that nobody is reading this column. I could write a pornographic sex scene here, and nobody would notice.

"Oh Dirk," moaned Camille as she writhed nakedly on the bed. "Yes yes yes YES YES YES YESSSSSSSSSS!"

"Wait up!" shouted Dirk. "I'm still in the bathroom!"

It was not always this way. There was a time in America when everybody read newspapers. Big cities had spunky lads standing on every street corner shouting "EXTRA!" These lads weren't selling newspapers. They just shouted "EXTRA!" because they wanted to irritate people, and boomboxes had not been invented yet.

But the point is that in those days, most people read newspapers, whereas today, most people do not. What caused the change?

One big factor, of course, is that people are a lot stupider than they used to be, although we here in the newspaper industry would never say so in print.

Certainly another factor is that many people now get their news from television. This is unfortunate. I do not mean to be the slightest bit critical of TV news people, who do a superb job, considering that they operate under severe time constraints and have the intellectual depth of hamsters. But TV news can only present the "bare bones" of a story; it takes a newspaper, with its capability to present vast amounts of information, to render the story truly boring.

But if we want to identify the "root cause" of the decline in newspaper readership, I believe we have to point the finger of blame at the foolish decision by many newspapers to stop running the comic strip "Henry." Remember Henry? The bald boy who looks like Dwight Eisenhower? I believe that readers liked the "Henry" strip because, in times of change and uncertainty, it always had the same plot:

PANEL ONE: Henry is walking along the street. He is wearing shorts, even if it is winter.

PANEL TWO: Suddenly, Henry spies an object. You can tell he's spying on it, because a dotted line is going from his eyeball to the object. Often the object is a pie cooling on a windowsill. (Pies are always cooling on windowsills on the planet where Henry lives.)

PANEL THREE: Things get really wacky as Henry eats the pie.

PANEL FOUR: The woman who baked the pie comes to the window and discovers that — prepare to roll on the floor — the pie is gone. The woman is surprised. You can tell because exclamation points are shooting out of her head.

This timeless humor has been delighting readers for thousands of years ("Henry" strips have been found on prehistoric cave walls), but for some reason, a while back most newspapers stopped running the strip, and readership has been

Dave Barry
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in the toilet ever since. I don't think it's a coincidence.

Whatever the cause, the readership decline is producing major underarm dampness here in the newspaper industry. We're especially concerned about the fact that we're losing young readers — the so-called "Generation X," which gets its name from the fact that it followed the so-called "Generation W." We're desperate to attract these readers. Go to any newspaper today and you'll see herds of editors pacing around, mooing nervously, trying to think up ways to make newspapers more relevant to today's youth culture. This is pretty funny if you know anything about newspaper editors, the vast majority of whom are middle-aged Dockers-wearing white guys who cannot recognize any song recorded after "Yellow Submarine."

But they're trying. If you read your newspaper carefully, you'll notice that you're seeing fewer stories with uninviting, incomprehensible, newspaper-ese headlines designed to appeal to today's young people, like PANEL NIXES TRADE PACT, DUDE.

I applaud this effort, and as a middle-aged Dockers-wearing white guy, I want to do my part by making my column more "hep" and appealing to young people. So I'm going to conclude by presenting the views of some students of Daniel Kennedy's English class at Clearfield (Pa.) Area High School. I recently wrote a column in which I said that some young people today have unattractive haircuts and don't know who Davy Crockett was. Mr. Kennedy's class read this column and wrote me letters in response; here are some unretouched excerpts, which I am not making up:

— "Maybe one of these days, you should look in the mirror, Dave. Dave, you need a new hairstyle, man! You have a puffcut, Dave."

— "Without hair I think every guy in the world would just die of embarrassment. I know I would, but I am a girl."

— "You say that I don't no anything about Davy Crockett. Well I no that he fought at the Alamo. He also played in several movies."

Let me just say that we in the newspaper industry totally agree with you young people on these points and any other points you wish to make, and if you will please please PLEASE start reading the paper, we'll be your best friend, OK? OK? Young people? Hello?

You're not even reading this, you little twerps.

"Oh Dirk," moaned Camille, "I am overcome by desire at the sight of your...your... What do you call those?"

"Dockers," said Dirk.

Republicans have two years to make good on their 'revolution'

That sound you hear in the background is the thundering herd of the Republican party and their landslide victory in the election.

Fortunately for the state of Florida, we were on the outskirts of that particular stampede, albeit not by much. A majority of voters here had the common sense to re-elect Gov. Lawton Chiles and not drop our state into the hands of conservative, right-wing control freaks. Speaking of which, how pathetic are Jeb Bush and Oliver North to be unable to win elections during a GOP tidal wave?

The GOP has a historic opportunity here. They can either live up to their rhetoric and improve the quality of life for all Americans or fail abysmally. Should the latter occur, this gigantic shift to the right in 1994 could have the ironic effect of re-electing Bill and Hillary in 1996. (Just a hint: Nominating Dan Quayle will have the same effect.) To succeed, the Republicans must realize a few things:

1. This Republican landslide was a result of the people's desire for change. We are tired of politics as usual, regardless of party. For example, the GOP's "Contract on America", excuse me, "Contract with America" contains several elements, such as a tax cut for the wealthy, that smack of typical Republican politics. The Democrats received the message loud and clear. Take heed, Newt Gingrich, or your revolution will be a mighty short one.

2. "United we stand, divided we fall." If allowed to take control of the GOP, the hate-mongering and bashing of non-white, non-Christian, non-heterosexual and poor people that is the standard of the religious right will undermine anything the Republicans might hope to accomplish.

3. Government is for all of the people, not just sanctionious wackos. The GOP must become the leaders of

everyone. Unfortunately, without someone with the character and ability of Ronald Reagan, the Republicans may not be able to bring things together. Bob Dole and Newt Gingrich certainly don't have what it takes. Neither does Bill Clinton, for that matter. You have two years. Make the best of them.

Speaking of right-wing control freaks, it consistently amazes me that *Future* columnist Robert Voor never gets the point of anything. In a previous column, I stated that we do not have the right to tell people what they can watch, read, say, etc. Since the meaning behind the words is apparently lost on Mr. Voor, I'll be glad to clarify things.

The First Amendment of the Constitution guarantees our right to watch, read, or say whatever we wish, regardless of whether or not others find it distasteful. This includes the American Family Association's right to protest Blockbuster Video. I would not presume to dictate to them what they can or cannot protest. Dictating to people is what right-wing control freaks like Mr. Voor get off on.

In the interest of clarity, what I should have written was, "We don't have the right to DICTATE to people what they can watch, read, say, etc." You do have the right, according to the Constitution, to tell me anything you want. That doesn't mean I have to listen. Conversely, you don't have to rent those *Playboy* videos, so stop sneaking them into the house. Just because the members of the

religious right are so morally bankrupt that they cannot resist temptation doesn't mean you can interfere with my right to indulge in it.

That's the difference between me and Robert Voor. I will defend and respect his rights under the Constitution. People like him and the AFA couldn't care less about other people's rights.

As for the comments on morality, Mr. Voor apparently loves to wallow in his self-ordained moral superiority so much that he misses the point again. A moral code based on religion is not inherently superior to one that is not. Any rational person will say that there are indeed absolute standards of right and wrong.

Those things that are absolutely right: Love, helping others, treating others as you wish to be treated, honoring commitments, working hard, etc.

Things that are absolutely wrong: Murder, theft, discrimination, hatred, forcing your beliefs upon others, etc.

The difference here is that rational people don't need anyone (other than our parents, perhaps, when you're young) to tell us these things. We don't require threats of external damnation to force us to live up to our standards, as you do. If you don't like sodomy, then stop doing it. (Thanks to Jane Elliot for that.)

Finally, I'm disturbed by Mr. Voor's pathetic cannibal example. Why did he pick Africa? Why not Australia or South America or even more appropriately Union, South Carolina? He just can't seem to keep that racism under his sheet, can he? He must make the rest of *The 700 Club* so proud.

In the USA, everyone has a place, regardless of race, religion or sexual orientation, even bigots like Mr. Voor. In his ideal country, only people who think and look like him even have a place. Says a lot about his morality, doesn't it? And I'll bet the point is beyond him.

Dan Griffin

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Nature, primal instincts and the hunt

Resident photographer explores the natural passion for deer hunting, whether shooting with a camera or a rifle

Over the last few years, hunting has taken a bad rap due to an ever-increasing amount of uneducated, politically correct crap. It has been portrayed as a cruel and blood-thirsty sport, indulged in by rednecks and other brainless souls. I'm here to debunk that myth and shed some light on the timeless and wonderful art of hunting the whitetail deer.

Let me start by refuting the notion that one must kill these extraordinary creatures in order to hunt. There are many forms of hunting, and people must pick the one best suited for them. I have hunted all of my life, and in doing so, I have tried my hand at each challenge — a camera for pictures, a rifle to kill, or my eyes just to watch.



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For those people whose stomachs churn at the thought of killing a deer, I will show immediate consideration. Let's begin with how to pursue these crafty creatures. It doesn't matter if you intend to kill them or take their picture, you must still get fairly close to them for success.

It is necessary to be within 100 yards for a good picture or a clean shot. First, you need to get some camouflage attire to break up your silhouette. Deer see in black and white, so they see shapes and movements; anything solid looks suspicious. You also need some boots to protect your feet from the elements. Snakeboots are recommended in the South for obvious reasons.

Next, load up on some insect repellent for the voracious mosquitoes and grab some human scent covers to try to hide your stench. Deer have better noses than bloodhounds.

Now that you have all the preliminary supplies, you are ready to decide what weapon you are going to use. If you are going to take pictures, you'll need a good 35mm camera with a 300mm lens and a tripod to hold it steady. You will also need to stock up on some fairly fast film — this will enable you to shoot pictures in low light. Most encounters with deer will be in the early morning or late afternoon, since deer are nocturnal creatures.

If you consider killing a deer (when, and if, you get the chance), you will need a rifle or a shotgun; the type depends on the terrain to be hunted. If you can't borrow one, a pawn shop carries them for about \$200.

While you're out, get a hunting license. If you are resident in the state you are hunting in, it will be about \$20. But if you go out of your state of residence, it will be more like \$200. Fees such as these and the taxes on all hunting equipment go to preserving state lands, not your tax dollars. So, if you don't participate in the use of our lands, you are probably not supporting the things you think you are.

Next, go and enroll in a hunter education course. These are held throughout the state for a small fee. In these courses, you will experience what could save your life or somebody else's, including gun safety, hunter etiquette and ethics afield. They will also urge you to become familiar with your weapon and to become proficient in its use to ensure a clean kill.

What the course will not teach you is how to hunt; this must be learned. Hiring a guide is very beneficial, but expensive. A better way is to read up on hunting deer and then find a group of experienced hunters to join. Combined with your book knowledge, they will show you how to track deer, find deer trails and learn deer movements.

Once these skills are acquired, you are ready to determine where to stand. Most likely, you will station yourself near a deer path, and there you will wait—maybe an hour, most likely a month. During this time, you will have countless hours for personal introspection. This alone is worth the price of hunting.

But before you can do all this, you must decide where to go. If you have the money and the time, go North. You don't need to go far, but at least to South Carolina or Alabama, where there are bigger and more plentiful whitetail deer.

This helps twofold. First, nobody wants to kill or take pictures of a deer the size of a dog. Second, the more deer per acre, the better your chances of seeing one.

Then you have to figure out how much money you have left over. This will determine which land you hunt on. You can apply for permits to hunt on public land for free or game management areas for a small fee. These lands are used by thousands of hunters, so your chances of seeing a deer are not as great as going to a hunting club. This is your best bet even though it will cost anywhere from \$50 to \$400 a day.

It may be worth it, since clubs usually have the best land and the most deer. The clubs hire a biologist to study their deer herd and figure out what percentages may be harvested without harming the balance. They even keep an eye on the health of the herd and enact provisions within the club to maintain it.

These actions may seem extreme, but they are what has enabled the whitetail deer population to grow 100-fold since our forefathers first stepped ashore 400 years ago. There are more deer in America now than there have ever been.

Even with the tremendous number of deer available to hunt, it is not as easy as it sounds. I have not emphasized how hard it is to find one, much less kill one. Deer are crafty, wary creatures of the night. They have tremendous hearing, smell and eyesight. They can see an eye blink at 50 yards, hear a branch snap at 100 yards and smell you from a mile.

Add to this that they are the same tone and color of the forest. Their changing colors adapt to the seasons, and your chances of seeing a deer therefore drop significantly. Then factor in how out of touch you are with nature, and the odds fall even further.

That, however, is the whole point of hunting — to get back in touch with your primitive origins. Mankind has been hunting since we



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Hunting lets individuals experience nature

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first stepped out of the evolutionary quagmire. We hunted to supply meat for our families and to protect ourselves. We were in touch with what it meant to be alive by killing others; that is how we came to be at the head of the food chain.

This way of life survived up to the start of this century, but has now, for the most part, been abandoned due to the ever increasing urbanization of society. Add the disassociation of food with killing, and we soon forget our origins. We now buy packaged meat and never see a slaughterhouse, so we convince ourselves that this is somehow all right. Talk about killing something yourself and eating it, and people start calling you an animal killer or worse.

I try to convince people that I do not hunt to kill animals but to interact with the natural environment that has all but disappeared. I ask them if they have ever seen a covey of quail foraging for food or a fox tracking dinner. I ask them if they have ever seen a deer give birth or watched woodpeckers make a home. They usually reply that they go to the zoo to see stuff like that.

My only answer is that it is not the same. You cannot have the same experience at the zoo that you can by becoming one with the woods. There is a big difference between being an intruder in the forest and being an unnoticed observer in a tree. Animals have self-preservation instincts that do not allow them to act the same if they are aware of your presence. You must first become a part of the forest before you will be allowed to observe nature in its true state.

Now that you know that deer aren't the dumb, defenseless creatures that the animal rights activists would have you believe, you might start seeing the true challenge of pursuing them in their natural habitat. I am not asking you to go out and kill a deer. I am asking you to go out and commune with nature. While doing so, see if the primal instincts that we are all bred with, come out.

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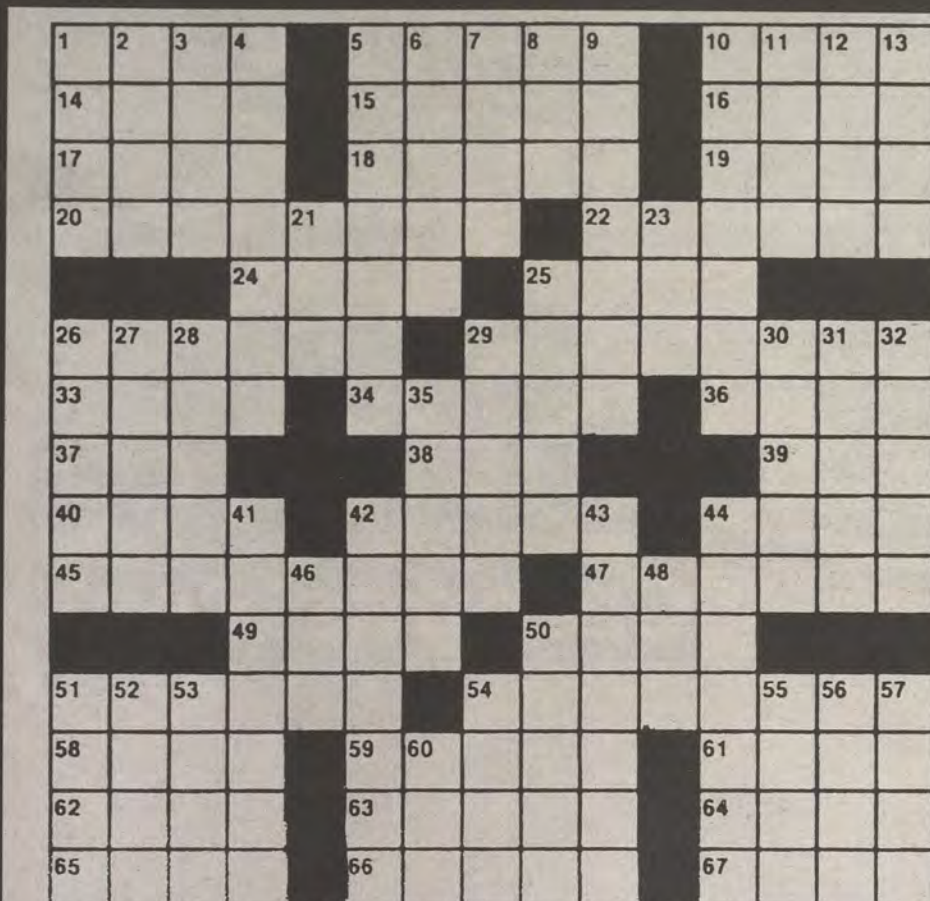
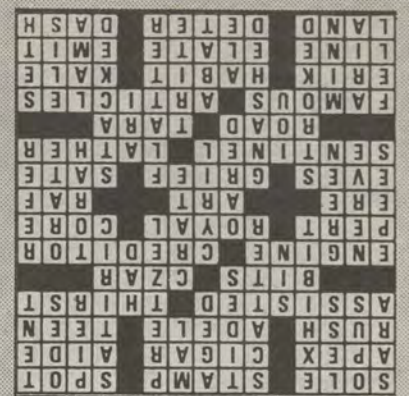
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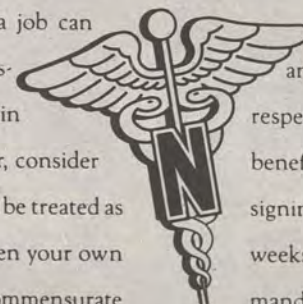
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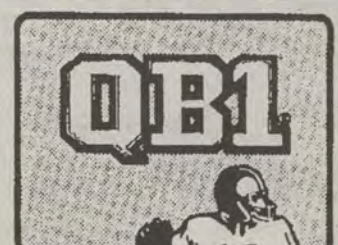
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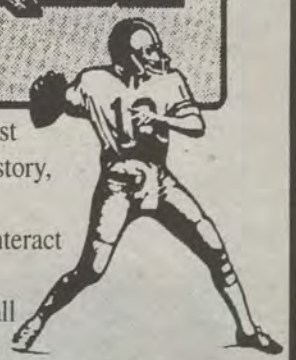
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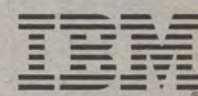
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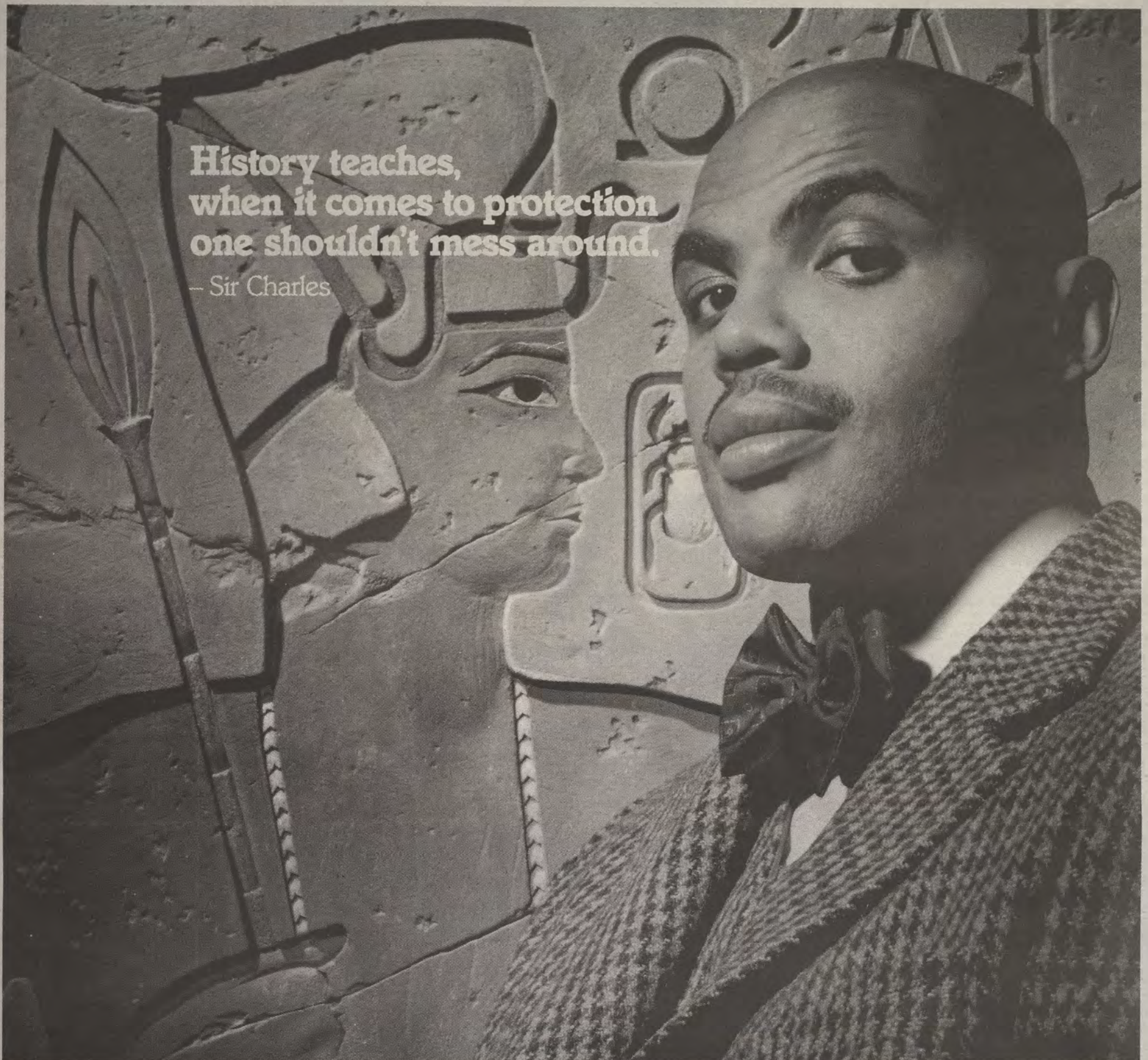
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UCF still has a shot at the playoffs

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pleased with the performances of linebacker Robert Alexander [9 tackles, 1 sack] and tackle Chris Cade.

Alexander felt that the defense stuck together despite the recent criticism.

"We always had faith in each other as a defense," said Alexander. "We're a family. We hung in there. I think we quieted down some of the critics."

With the exception of a 67-yard pass from East Carolina quarterback Marcus Crandell to wideout Jerris McPhail, the secondary was tight, keeping the high-powered Pirate offense from making too many big plays.

Linebacker Nakia Reddick [8 tackles] isn't sure the defense's performance will be noticed in Orlando.

"They still scored 23 points," Reddick said. "People in Orlando didn't see the game, so they don't know how good the defense played."

Going into the game, it was assumed that the only way the Golden Knights could make the playoffs was to beat East Carolina.

The near upset might convince the pollsters that the Knights (6-4) are among the top 16 I-AA teams in the nation. Prior to the game, UCF was ranked right at 16.

"We're five points away from being 9-1," McCrone said,

adding that the team has been plagued by injuries from the beginning.

"It's not like our team has fallen off," defensive back Adrian Ellis said. "We have shown we are for real."

To have any chance, the Golden Knights must beat the Buffalo Bulls this Saturday. It would not hurt UCF to do it convincingly.

The game starts at 1 p.m. at the Citrus Bowl.



UCF head coach Gene McDowell still has his sights set on the playoffs.

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FSU defeats lackluster Irish team

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If it's important, I'm there

It was sunny and 75 degrees outside last Saturday at the Florida Citrus Bowl — The Bowl was filled to capacity for the first Saturday in a long time. In fact, at 72,868, it was the largest crowd ever at the Citrus Bowl.

One team donned golden domes similar to the Golden Knights, yet the players were much too big to possibly play for UCF. That's because the players were from Notre Dame, and Saturday, Orlando football fans were treated to a football fiesta as the Florida State Seminoles faced off against the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame.

Before the college football season began, this was to be the game of the century (for the millionth time this century). Of course, that was before ND decided to lose to BYU and Boston College, and now after Saturday's 23-16 loss to the Seminoles, the team is barely staying above .500. The pregame atmosphere had tailgaters tossing the pigskin in the parking lot and FSU band

members participating in the "Tomahawk Chop."

The pregame hype had everyone so excited that FSU linebacker Derrick Brooks actually burst a blood vessel in his nose prior to the coin toss due to excitement. The crowd was 80 percent FSU fans in what was essentially a home game for the 'Noles. Imagine that — The fans of these schools not only show up to the game, but they also actually wear school colors. If we could only transplant some of their spirit into the lifeless bodies of our own sorry UCF football fans!

The game itself was rather boring throughout the first half. Apparently, Bobby Bowden lost every pass play out of his playbook during the trek from Tallahassee to Orlando. As for the Irish, no one really ever expects the geek of college football, Lou Holtz, to come up with an exciting game plan. But on Saturday, he outdid the usually exciting Bowden.

Perhaps the biggest play of the game was when Notre Dame's kicker, Scott Cengia of Melbourne, missed an extra point attempt that would have given Notre Dame the lead late in the game. At the press conference af-

ter the game, FSU coach Bobby Bowden commented on why he went for one earlier in the game rather than two to put FSU up by a touchdown: "I knew he was going to miss an extra point later."

Once the game ended, the partying got stronger. The huge contingent of FSU fans flooded the streets of downtown Orlando, Church Street in particular. The partying Seminoles were drinking and chopping to celebrate their victory over an average, unranked Notre Dame squad.

Everyone got what they wanted — Orlando finally got to see a real regular season college football game, and FSU fans finally got to see a real city, not that our city isn't a thriving metropolis. FSU players even got to leave with a little souvenir; they took a piece of the Citrus Bowl sod to bury in their "Sod Cemetery" next to their practice fields.



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Bobby Bowden fielded questions from the media after FSU's victory over Notre Dame last Saturday at the Citrus Bowl.

Niedung's 21 kills prove fatal for USF

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"I was glad for that," Smith said about Niedung's effort. "She sat a lot over there, so there was a lot of pride at stake, and I was glad Miriam went out with a bang."

Once in Louisiana, junior setter Emily Queisser took over. She had a pair of 40 assist matches, including a tournament high 48 against SLU. Queisser also was named MVP of the TAAC tournament.

"She really stood out," Smith said. "The refs commented to me afterwards, and these are officials who've worked Florida and Florida State. That's encouraging."

Metzcus and Niedung combined for 27 kills in the Charleston victory, and were named to the all-tournament team.

The Golden Knights took control in the second game of the match by nailing 22 kills in 44 attempts.

The UCF Golden Knights will travel to Florida State this Thursday.

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ΣX I	-	FIJI	11/17@7:00
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Around the Horn Justin Delias

Over the weekend, Orlando played host to the Texaco-Star Classic at the Citrus Bowl featuring FSU and Notre Dame. Although the Seminoles won the game by only a touchdown, they blasted the Irish statistically. Overall, the game was good exposure for the city of Orlando.

Due to many injuries, the Dolphins lost Sunday's battle, 17-14.

Elsewhere around the state, the Florida Gators hammered South Carolina 48-17. The Miami Hurricanes barely got past Pittsburgh, 17-12. UCF needed to upset East Carolina to stay in the playoff hunt, but it is hoped that the close 23-20 battle might suffice, considering East Carolina is a Division I-A team.

Local hero Jeff Blake (from Sanford) got the start again for Cincinnati, despite the fact that starting QB David Klingler is healthy. Blake took advantage of the situation and led the Bengals to another thrilling finish and their second win of the season.

In the NBA, the Miami Heat pulled off another surprising trade last week, sending guard Steve Smith and forward Grant Long to the Hawks for former All-Star center/forward Kevin Willis. The Heat will also get a first round draft pick from the Hawks as long as it is not one of the first five. The Heat must give the Hawks their second round draft pick when they decide to take the Hawks' first round pick.

The Orlando Magic made Donald Royal happier last week by giving him a contract extension. Royal signed a two-year extension reportedly worth \$3.5 million.

Glenn Robinson has now had a chance to show everyone what he's got after his long hold-out, and the Big Dog is looking more like a Small Fry as he has struggled significantly in his first few outings.

Sadly, "Showtime" has officially ended in Los Angeles with the retiring of James Worthy. The seven-time All-Star was the last remaining piece of the L.A. Lakers' teams that dominated the '80s.

UCF nearly pulls off upset against East Carolina

by MICHAEL WHITE
Staff writer

The UCF Golden Knights almost did the impossible Saturday, coming within three points of knocking off Division I-A East Carolina.

A victory would have all but secured a playoff berth for the Golden Knights, who lost to the Pirates in the final minute, 23-20. Now the team is hoping that the narrow loss does not end its chances of playing in the post-season.

"It definitely helped us more than if we had just shown up and got blown out," said wide receiver David Rhodes. His onside kick recovery with just over two minutes left put the Knights in position to pull off the upset.

It was not meant to be. After an illegal motion call against UCF, East Carolina picked off an underthrown pass from quarterback Darrin Hinshaw, ending UCF's drive and possibly their playoff chances along with it.

The game was expected to be an explosion of offensive firepower, but both teams struggled

to put points on the board. Hinshaw was even benched for a few plays in the third quarter.

Kicker Charlie Pierce provided most of the Golden Knights' scoring in the game, connecting on field goals of 27, 46, 48 and 36 yards.

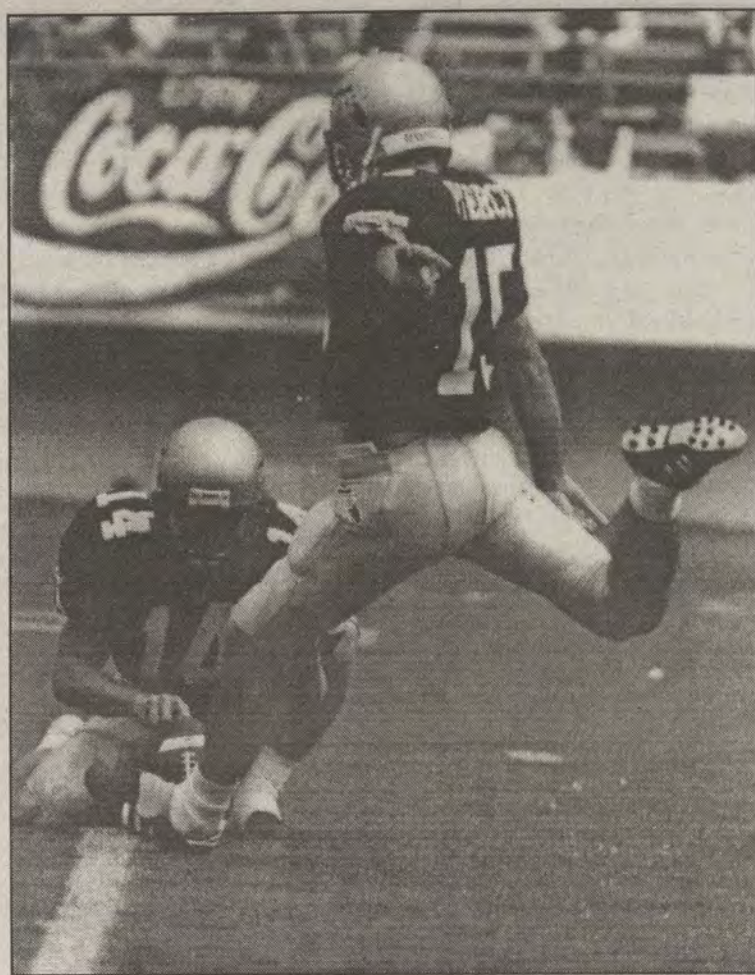
He kept the Knights close until their fourth quarter surge. In the fourth quarter, UCF nearly came out of a hole that had them buried 23-9 at one point.

UCF's defense performed far better than it has in recent weeks, holding East Carolina to only 23 points. EC scored 21 points against Auburn, one of the top Division I-A teams in the nation, and 56 points against South Carolina.

Defensive coordinator Ron McCrone credited the improved effort to the team's improved health.

"It was the first time all season we started the same 11 [players] two weeks in a row," McCrone said.

McCrone was particularly



photo/SOLARES

UCF kicker Charlie Pierce had a 48-yard field goal Saturday against East Carolina, a career best for the sophomore.

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UCF wins third TAAC title in as many years

□ Volleyball team sweeps Samford, SLU and Charleston in tournament.

by DAN RYAN
Contributing writer

Entering with momentum provided by a huge victory over South Florida in its home finale, the UCF volleyball team cruised to its third consecutive TAAC championship this week at Southeastern Louisiana University.

The Golden Knights (30-9) posted three sweeps, downing Samford 15-8, 15-3, 15-4, then host SLU 15-2, 15-12, 15-12. UCF then took the title with a 15-7, 15-3, 15-11 romp of Charleston, a team that took UCF to five games during the regular season.

UCF will host the Ohio Valley Conference tournament champion Nov. 25 or 26 for a

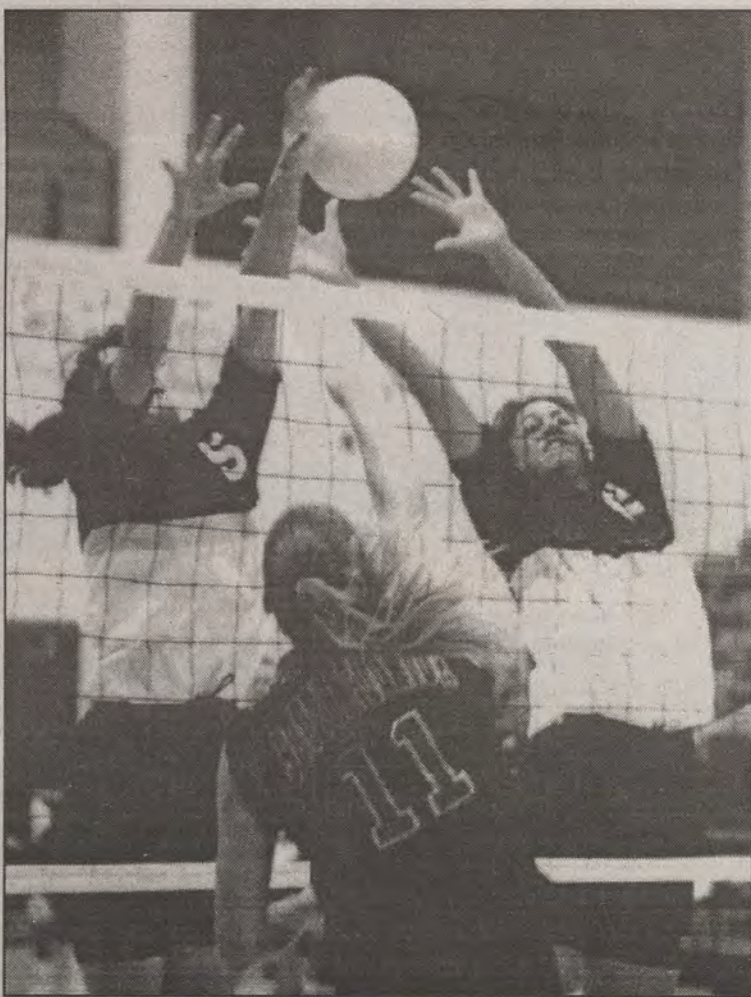
berth in the NCAA tournament.

"We really looked like a team should at this point of the season," said Golden Knights' coach Laura Smith, whose team completed its third straight year of TAAC play undefeated. "The freshmen are starting to come along and everybody's contributing."

UCF's excellent week got its start Thursday night in the UCF Arena as the Golden Knights downed South Florida, ranked eighth in the region, 15-13, 7-15, 15-12 and 15-10. The marathon match (two hours, 15 minutes) drew a season-high crowd of 400 as well as local television coverage for the first time this season.

It was a chance for senior Kirsten Niedung, a USF transfer, to shine. She led the Knights with 21 kills and 27 digs, while Miriam Metzcus made her last home match count with 19 kills.

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Elyse Schneider(5) and Miriam Metzcus(12) stuffed South Florida 15-13, 7-15, 15-12, 15-10 in a match that lasted two hours and 15 minutes.

Weekend Review

UCF Football: Charlie Pierce kicked field goals from 27, 46, 48 and 36 yards out as the Golden Knights fell three points short to East Carolina, 23-20. UCF held against an opponent who scored 21 points against Auburn. The game was not decided until the last minute, when penalties brought on a third-and-long

and a Hinshaw pass fell into the wrong hands ended UCF's drive. The Golden Knights are now 6-4 on the season with only the home game against Buffalo left on their schedule.

UCF Volleyball: Setter Emily Queisser earned tournament MVP honors as the Golden Knights captured

their third consecutive TAAC title this past Saturday in Hammond, LA. UCF cruised through the three-tiered bracket without losing a game, winning over Samford 15-8, 15-3, 15-4 and host Southeastern Louisiana 15-2, 15-12, 15-12 to advance to the championship match. Miriam Metzcus and Kirsten Niedung teamed up for 27

"kills" while Queisser added 45 assists against College of Charleston in the final as the Golden Knights rolled, 15-7, 15-3, 15-11. UCF's record is now 30-9 overall.

Men's Cross-Country: Four Golden Knight runners competed in the NCAA Southeast regionals held at Furman University in

Greenville, SC, on Saturday. Junior Rene Plasencia was the top finisher for UCF, running the 10k race in 33:10 and earning 129th place out of 306 runners. Senior Erik Lipham finished 144th with a time of 33:23. Junior Toby Burndt placed 260th with a time of 35:20, and Junior Jeff Budd ran a 35:20 for 263rd.